(i) KVIC should take up the issue of adequate institutional finance with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) on a priority basis and ensure that the Khadi and Village Industries (KVI) sector get the credit as per requirement.

(ii) Banks should be impressed upon to follow the guidelines of RBI in letter and spirit for the calculation of the credit requirement of the khadi institutions.

(iii) KVIC should start a special campaign and encourage its implementing agencies to obtain credit rating from the renowned agencies and reimburse the rating fee for the first year, to begin with, which will enable khadi / polyvastra institutions to avail bank credit on the one hand and to enjoy benefit of lower interest rate offered by certain Public Sector Banks on the other hand.

(iv) KVIC's representatives should sit with Lead Bank officers at the district level and the representatives of other leading banks to work the viability of enterprises and such viability would decide on the norms as well. These shall be accepted by all banks.

(v) Banks / Financial institutions should interact with Khadi units and study their activities so as to clear their doubt towards the cycle of utilization as well as productivity and performance of khadi and polyvastra units.

The recommendations contained in the Report are yet to be considered by KVIC and have not come up for consideration before the Government (in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) yet.

(d) As stated in answer to part (a) of the question above, the credit flow from the Banks has been steady. A meeting has also been held on September 29, 2008 by Secretary to the Government of India (Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) with the officials concerned of the Reserve Bank of India and KVIC to further improve the implementation of the ISEC Scheme.

Assistance to Minorities for setting up of SMEs

886. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the assistance provided by Government to the people belonging to Minority Community for setting up Small and Medium Industries;

(b) the amount of assistance provided to the people of Minority Community (Muslims) during the last two years, year-wise along with the beneficiaries thereunder, State-wise particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the budgetary provision made for the financial year 2007-08 and 2008-09 for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The promotion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments. However, the Government of India supports and supplements the efforts of the States Governments / UT Administrations through various Schemes / Programmes

relating to credit, infrastructural development technology upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial development, assistance for procurement preference to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in purchases by the Government, providing institutional assistance for curtailing endemic problem of delayed payments of MSEs, etc. These schemes are for overall development of the MSE Sector and are implemented across the board all over the country. Nevertheless, wherever feasible, the Government makes specific allocations and assigns specific targets for assisting the disadvantaged groups of society, notably those belonging to Minority communities. Government of India does not maintain the number of beneficiaries for certain Schemes State-wise since the schemes are demand driven and are not based on State-wise allocation of resources. The people belonging to Minority Community including Muslims in Uttar Pradesh, are benefited under some of these schemes.

Under the scheme of Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme/ Entrepreneurship Development Programme/ Management Development Programme 5028 persons belonging to the minority communities were trained during 2007-08 out of which 1422 candidates were trained in Uttar Pradesh. This data was not maintained prior to 2007-08.

Under the Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme 1419 entrepreneurs belonging to minority communities were benefited during the year 2007-08 out of which 148 were from Uttar Pradesh. This data was not maintained prior to 2007-08.

Sl.No.	Name of Scheme	Budgetary provision (Rs. in lakh)	
		2007-08	2008-09
1	Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme / Entrepreneurship Development Programme	50.00	No specific allocation but Rs. 50.00 are likely to be spent
2	Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme / Augmentation of Portfolio Risk Fund under MFP	50.00	The contribution of GOI is provided towards the corpus credit under the scheme.

Hyderabad Metro Rail Project

887. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Finance Minister has agreed to provide Rs. 2000 crore for the Hyderabad Metro Rail Project which is estimated to cost Rs. 10,000 crores;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has recommended viability gap funding for this public private partnership project and it was under consideration of his Ministry; and

(c) if so, by when final decision of providing assistance to this project has been considered and what is the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The information pertains to Ministry of Finance. The information has been obtained from Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, which is as follows: 'The proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh for Hyderabad Metro Rail (MRTS) project was granted in principle approval for grant of Viability Gap Funding of Rs. 2362.88 crore for a total project cost of Rs. 11,814 crore under the